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Subject: Wheelchairs, Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Supplies: HIPAA Implementation

Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2003, MAA will discontinue the use of all state-unique procedure codes. Providers must use the attached Wheelchairs, Durable Medical Equipment (DME), and Supplies Billing Instructions, dated October 2003, when billing the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) for services provided to MAA clients. These new billing instructions reflect changes made due to HIPAA implementation.

Coding Changes

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires all healthcare payers to process and pay electronic claims using a standardized set of procedure codes. MAA is discontinuing all state-unique procedure codes and modifiers and will require the use of applicable HCPCS* procedure codes. MAA has updated the Wheelchairs, Durable Medical Equipment (DME), and Supplies Billing Instructions, dated October 2003, to reflect these changes.

Hard Copy Billing Using Expedited Prior Authorization (EPA) Number(s)


With HIPAA implementation, multiple authorization (prior/expedited) numbers can be billed on a claim. If you are billing using a **paper HCFA-1500 claim form** for supplies or equipment using **multiple** EPA numbers, you must list the 9-digit EPA numbers in **field 19** of the claim form **exactly** as follows (*not all required fields are represented in the example*):

19. Line 1: 870000725/ Line 2: 870000726

If you are only billing one EPA number on a paper HCFA-1500 claim form, please continue to list the 9-digit EPA number in field 23 of the claim form.

Support Devices/Orthotics

Please refer to MAA's Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices Billing Instructions, dated September 2001, for covered orthotics. These have been removed from the "Other DME" fee schedule in MAA's Wheelchairs, Durable Medical Equipment, and Supplies Billing Instructions, dated October 2003.

 **Note to all suppliers:** For all codes indicated as "By Report" (with no fee attached) that require prior authorization, you must submit a description, manufacturer name, and part number with your written prior authorization request. This information must be readily available for all toll-free line prior authorization requests. If this information is not with the written/faxed request, MAA will return the request to you. If you do not have the information ready when calling the toll-free line, you will be asked to call back.

To obtain MAA's billing instructions and memoranda electronically, go to MAA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (Click on the Provider Publications/Fee Schedules link).